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CHARTER OF THE  
ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES USSR

The full text of the Charter of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR, which was founded on 30 June 1944 by decree of the Council of People's Commissars USSR, is given below.

General Regulations

1. The Academy of Medical Sciences USSR is the highest scientific institution in the field of medicine in the USSR and is composed of the outstanding scientists of the country. The Academy of Medical Sciences USSR is directly responsible to the People's Commissariat of Public Health, to which it submits an annual report on its activities.

2. The principal tasks of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR are as follows:

a. Develop scientifically problems of theory and practice in medicine, and further the growth of medical science in accordance with public health needs, medical-sanitary requirements of national defense, and tasks of the People's Commissariat of Public Health USSR and higher government bodies.

b. Place high priority problems in the field of medical science and generalized works of scientific research institutes before medical scientific research institutions.

c. Give scientific approbation to the most important discoveries and recommendations in the field of medicine, and determine the acceptability of new therapeutic methods for practical use.

d. Examine scientifically medical problems in accordance with the requirements of the State and People's Commissariat of Public Health USSR.

e. Award government prizes for the best scientific works in the field of medicine.

f. Train highly qualified scientific workers in the field of medicine.

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3. To realize these tasks, the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR:

a. Establishes under its jurisdiction, on approval of the Council of People's Commissars USSR, scientific research institutes, laboratories, clinics, libraries, museums, and other scientific research agencies in which the work is conducted according to a plan adopted annually by a general assembly of academicians and approved by the People's Commissariat of Public Health USSR.

b. Publishes annually a recommended list of problems to be worked out scientifically in medical scientific research institutions, and examines and approves plans and reports on scientific work of leading scientific research institutions of the USSR in the field of medicine.

c. Establishes and maintains scientific intercourse with the Academy of Sciences USSR, academies of sciences of the union republics, and scientific institutions and societies in the USSR and abroad.

d. Publishes journals, collected works, monographs, dissertations, and other scientific works approved by it.

e. Convenes general assemblies of academicians, conferences, consultations, and sessions for hearing and discussing scientific reports, results of the work of institutes of the academy, etc.

f. Appoints permanent and temporary commissions for approbation of discoveries and recommendations in the field of medicine, and for appraisal of problems in medical science and public health.

g. Establishes postgraduate courses of study at institutes under its jurisdiction to train personnel for the scientific degrees of candidate and doctor of medical, biological, or pharmacological sciences, and conducts dissertation examinations and approves degrees at meetings of the scientific councils of institutes.

4. The Academy of Medical Sciences USSR consists of three departments:

a. Department of Medicobiological Sciences.

b. Department of Clinical Medicine.

c. Department of Hygiene, Microbiology, and Epidemiology.

5. The Academy of Medical Sciences USSR has the rights of a juridical person. The budget of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR and the institutes which comprise it is submitted by the Presidium of the Academy to the People's Commissariat of Public Health USSR for approval. It is included in the overall budget of the People's Commissariat of Public Health USSR.

6. The Academy of Medical Sciences USSR has a stamp bearing the seal of the USSR and the inscription "Academy of Medical Sciences USSR."

#### Organization of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR

7. The Academy of Medical Sciences USSR is composed of active, honorary, and corresponding members, and a basic staff of associates and workers in the institutes of the academy.

8. Scientists who enriched Soviet medical science with works of outstanding scientific value can become active members of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR. Active members of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR conduct work in their own specialty, on assignments from the Presidium and general assembly of the academy, and also participate, with the right of a deciding vote, in general.

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assemblies of academicians and in assemblies of their respective departments. Active members of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR submit an annual report of their activities to the academy.

9. Honorary members of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR may be elected from among outstanding scientists of the USSR as well as other countries. Honorary members of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR have a deciding vote at general assemblies of the academy and at general assemblies of departments.

10. Corresponding members of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR are elected from among top Soviet scientists in the field of medicine. Corresponding members of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR conduct work in their own specialty, on assignments from the Presidium and general assembly of the academy, and submit an annual report of their work. They participate in the general assemblies of the academy where they have a consultative vote and in general assemblies of departments where they have a deciding vote on all problems except the election of active and corresponding members, in which case they have only a consultative vote.

11. Active members of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR, as well as corresponding members, may be on the staff of more than one department of the Academy of Medical Sciences at the same time.

Procedure for Electing Active, Honorary, and Corresponding Members of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR

12. The number of active and corresponding members of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR is established by the Council of People's Commissars on the recommendation of the Presidium, Academy of Medical Sciences USSR.

13. Vacancies for active and corresponding members are announced in newspapers by the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR.

14. Scientific institutions, public organizations, and individual scientific workers and their groups have the right, during the 2 months following the publication of announcements of existing vacancies, to introduce and submit in writing to the Academy of Medical Sciences the names of candidates for active and corresponding membership. The Academy of Medical Sciences USSR publishes lists of proposed candidates for active and corresponding membership in the newspapers.

15. Two months after the publication of the notice of vacancies for active and corresponding members, the Presidium, Academy of Medical Sciences USSR, submits all the correspondence on candidates to the interested departments of the academy for review. The departments of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR consider the reports of the academician secretary of the department on the proposed candidates, evaluate them, and during the same session choose, by secret ballot, candidates to fill the vacancies for active and corresponding members. Selection of a candidate requires two thirds of the total number of votes cast.

16. Names of candidates for active membership in the academy selected by the department of the academy are submitted to a general assembly of the academy which elects the active members by secret ballot and approves the corresponding members elected by the departments by acclamation. Candidates elected by a general assembly require a simple majority.

17. Candidates for honorary membership in the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR can be recommended by departments of the academy. Honorary members are elected by a general assembly of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR by secret ballot and a simple majority.

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18. The election of active members and confirmation of corresponding members elected by the department at general assembly requires the attendance of two thirds of all active members of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR.

19. Active, honorary, and corresponding members of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR whose activity is detrimental to the USSR lose their standing by decision of a general assembly.

Direction of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR

General Assembly of the Academy

20. The highest administrative body of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR is the general assembly of the academy which is composed of active members of the academy.

21. The general assembly is convened by the Presidium according to the needs of the time. The general assembly of the academy elects the active and honorary members and confirms corresponding members of the academy; discusses and approves, in accordance with the recommendation of general assemblies of departments, the appointment of academicians secretaries of departments; discusses and adopts work plans of the academy; plans the basic problems of work of the academy and of its institutes; hears reports on the results of work of the academy as a whole, of scientific research institutes and members of the academy, and also scientific reports on basic problems of medical science.

22. The general assembly of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR annually hears and approves the minutes of the Presidium of the academy.

23. All problems taken up by the general assembly of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR are decided by a simple majority vote.

General Assembly of a Department of the Academy

24. A department of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR consists of active, honorary, and corresponding members having specific specialties. A department is composed of institutes dealing with a given branch of medical science.

25. The general assembly of a department is composed of all active, honorary, and corresponding members who are on the staff of the department.

26. The general assembly of a department of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR elects the academicians secretary and bureau members of the department; examines the work plans of the department as a whole and the scientific research institutes which comprise it, and presents them to the Presidium of the academy for approval; hears reports on the results of scientific work of institutes and individual members of the academy in their respective departments. The general assembly also hears scientific reports and reviews individual problems and recommendations on sciences falling within the jurisdiction of the department.

Bureau of a Department of the Academy

27. The direction of the work of a department of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR is carried out by the bureau of a department which is elected for a 2-year period by the general assembly of the department and approved by a general assembly of the academy. The bureau of a department of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR is composed of the academicians secretary, and from two to four members chosen from the group of active members of a given department.

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## Presidium of the Academy

28. The executive body of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR is the Presidium. The Presidium is headed by a president and three vice presidents (one of whom specializes in military medicine), the academician secretary of the academy, three academicians who are members of the Presidium elected for a 4-year period by a general assembly of the academy, and three academician secretaries of the departments.

29. Between sessions of the general assembly, the Presidium of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR is the supreme administrative body; it directs all the work of the academy and represents the academy before government agencies.

30. The responsibilities of the Presidium of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR include:

- a. Convening of general assemblies of academicians, as well as meetings, conferences, and consultations for discussing various problems in the field of medicine, and organizing of permanent and temporary commissions and expeditions for examination and study of various scientific problems.
- b. Examination of plans and reports of scientific research institutes of the academy and its other activities.
- c. Development of a general work plan of the academy and compilation of annual reports of its activities.
- d. Appointment to and relieving from duty directors of scientific research institutes of the academy, subject to approval of a general assembly of the academy.
- e. Direction of the assignment of personnel within the academy.
- f. Publication of scientific works of the academy.
- g. Dissemination of scientific achievements in the field of medicine.
- h. Compilation of the annual budget and fiscal report of the academy, disposition of credits, control of expenditures by institutions of the academy, and approval of their fiscal reports.

31. The Presidium of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR consists of the following: Administration of Affairs, Secretariat, Scientific Organization Section, Division for Training Postgraduate Students, Main Library, Museum on the History of Medicine, Division for Training and Assigning Personnel, Scientific Archives, and also permanent and temporary commissions set up by the Presidium.

Institutes of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR

32. Principal bodies for scientific research work of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR are its research institutes which function in accordance with special regulations for the scientific research institutes of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR and which are directly subordinate to the Presidium of the Academy.

33. Institutes are allowed full operational and economic independence within the limits of the approved program of work and established budget.

34. An institute is headed by a director who administers it according to the rules of unitary management responsibility. The director is elected for a 3-year period by a general assembly of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR.

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35. Active and corresponding members of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR, as well as scientists who are highly-rated specialists in the appropriate branch of medical sciences, may become institute directors.

36. Directors of institutes who are neither active or corresponding members of the Academy of Medical Sciences USSR take part in the general assemblies of the Academy and general assemblies of departments, with a deciding vote on problems pertaining to their institutions and a consultative vote on all other questions.

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